

Tiverton School Committee Meeting

May 12, 2009

Regular Session

Board Members Present: Mrs. Coulter, Mr. Wright, Mr. Bergandy, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Herrmann

Administrators Present: Superintendent Rearick, Mr. Fiore, Mrs. Sanna, Mr. Fezette, Mrs. Aull, Mr. Gastall, Mrs. Blaess, Mrs. Wordell

Minutes

1) Call to Order-The May 12, 2009 meeting of the Tiverton School Committee was called to order by Mr. Bergandy at 7:00 p.m.

2) Possible Executive Session (PI42-46-4)

Consent Agenda

3) Approval of Minutes

Regular: 04/28/2009

4) Personnel Action

a) Resignation(s)

1) Custodian-Fort Barton School-Gerald Mottas

2) Custodian-Middle School-Mark Sullivan

b) Appointments

- 1) Girls' Lacrosse Coach-Richard Lyman**
- 2) Boys' JV Baseball Coach-Joel Brierly**
- 3) Volunteer Girls' Varsity Lacrosse-Andrew Tanner**
- 4) Volunteer Boys' Varsity Baseball-Jon Beaupre**

c) Leave of Absence(s)-0

A motion was made by Herrmann/Black to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 5-0.

End Consent Agenda

5) Old Business

a) Elementary Building Update-Mr. Rearick reported on the progress of the punch list at the elementary buildings. The drainage at Pocasset is the biggest problem, the engineers are working on a plan to correct the problem. Other areas that need attention are the outside lights on the south side of the building, a leak in the media center, the walkway and playground.

At Fort Barton the retention pond is not draining properly, a sump pump will be installed, and some of the furniture has chips and scrapes.

b) Communications Sub-committee-Mrs. Herrmann had nothing to report.

c) Health & Wellness-Mrs. Black informed the board that Rhode Island has the most stringent food service codes. New rules will go into effect in September.

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d) Tiverton Coalition-S. Black-Improving communication between parents is a priority.

e) 2009/2010 Budget-The Committee and members of the audience discussed the budget situation. If state aid is reduced the ramifications will be more severe.

f) Sex Offender Notification-Connect Ed-A motion was made by Wright/Black to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent, pending receipt of a letter from the Trust. Vote 5-0.

6) New Business

a) FY 2010 Oil Bid-A motion was made by Wright/Black to give the Superintendent the authority to direct the bid, with the advice of the financial manager to the best bidder. Vote 5-0.

7) Reports/Announcements

- Mrs. Truver has invited everyone to attend an activity where her students will provide a presentation to them.**

- Mrs. Arruda asked the town council if there was a letter circulating**

through the towns asking that they support that the current Carrullo act be done away with. Mrs. Arruda asked that it be taken off of the consent agenda so that it could be accepted. Mrs. Black said Mrs. Arruda just wanted to receive the correspondence. There was a second letter about town councils wanting to ratify teacher contracts. No action was taken.

Wright/Black to suspend the rules allowing Lisa Deane to speak on budget issue in the form of an announcement. Vote 5-0.

Mrs. Deane asked the board questions about how we might be able to be sure that programs are not affected due to budget cuts. Is it possible to allow fundraisers to provide funds in areas where money is needed to maintain programs. Pay to play was something she inquired about. The State of Rhode Island does not allow this, however, donations can be accepted.

- On Friday, May 29th Fort Barton School will be holding their Memorial Day ceremonies down at statue on Main Road.
- Mr. Fiore announced that federal stimulus funds are available primarily to create energy efficiency in public buildings. He is looking into Geo Thermo heating for the middle and high schools. Prior to signing anything he will bring the information before the Committee. Mr. Rearick announced that the administration is also looking into turning off its computers at night in order to save money.
- On Saturday, Mrs. Black attended Operation Clean Government.

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7) POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION (PL42-46-4)

A motion was made by Wright/Black to move into Executive Session under (PI42-46-4); (SS42-46-5)(a)(2) Legal Issues, Possible Litigation and NEA Negotiations. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Legal Issues (SS42-46-5)(a)(2)

Possible Litigation (SS42-46-5(a)(2)

NEA Negotiations (SS42-46-5(a)(2)

Upon returning to open session Mr Bergandy reported that the Committee discussed legal issues, no action was taken.

8) Adjournment-A motion was made by Wright/Black to adjourn. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Elaine Pavao
School Board Clerk**

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